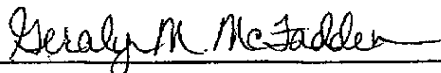


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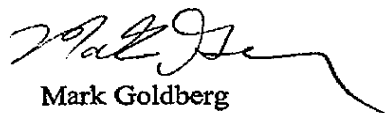
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This is in response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect to proceed with examination of claims 1-18, 20, drawn to a filtration process.

The Examiner may contact the undersigned representative in order to expedite prosecution of this patent application.

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